



From the Principal

Mrs Sue Chen



For Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. In this new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord.

Below is an extract taken from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

"One of the best ways to prepare for the very special season of Advent is to "get in touch with ourselves." It may sound odd, but one symptom of our contemporary lives is that we can often be quite "out of touch" with what is going on in our very own hearts. We are about to begin our Advent, right at the time our Western culture begins Christmas preparations. It is a busy time, and our heads are filled with details to remember. And, it is a time of emotional complexity that is part of this holiday season - with all of the expectations and challenges of family and relationships: who we want to be with and who we struggle to be with. So, our hearts are a bit tender, if not completely defended from experiencing anything deeply.

We are about to hear some very powerful and stirring readings from Isaiah, the Prophet. We will re-enter the ancient tradition of a people longing for the coming of a Saviour. We may remember the days of our childhood when we longed for Christmas to come, because it was a magical time of receiving gifts. As adults, we have to ask ourselves: "What is it I long for now?" The answer won't come easily. The more we walk around with that question, and let it penetrate through the layers of distraction and self-protection, the more powerfully we will experience Advent."

Parent Satisfaction Survey

Please spend 15 minutes giving us feedback on how the College is going. You have the opportunity to comment on school culture, pastoral care, quality of teaching, leadership etc. We would love to hear from you as we are in the midst of planning for 2014 and developing improvement programs. Your support and interest is much appreciated.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DL8DRLX>

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COLLEGE CALENDAR

TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER

Year 9 Camp begins

FRIDAY, 6 DECEMBER

Year 9 Camp finishes

WEDNESDAY, 11 DECEMBER

Reports sent home

Speech Night 7.30pm

THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER

Term 4 finishes

2014

TUESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY

Term 1 starts for Yr 7 & SC

WEDNESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY

Term 1 starts for Yr 8 to 10

WEDNESDAY, 16 APRIL

Parent / Teacher 1.30 to 8.20pm

THURSDAY, 17 APRIL

Last day before Easter and

Term 2 break

FRIDAY, 18 APRIL

Good Friday

TUESDAY, 6 MAY

Term 2 starts

Farewell to Board Members

On Tuesday evening the Board farewelled three dedicated and very supportive members of the Board: Jennifer Cordwell and Adrian Coward who both served 6 years and Father Tony Kennedy who has served 4 years. Their contributions have been invaluable and they will be sorely missed. We are keen to hear from parents and caregivers who would like to nominate themselves for Board membership. The responsibility is not too onerous and you have the opportunity to influence the future of a dynamic and progressive College.

Speech Night Invite

A general invitation to Speech Night has been sent out in the mail this week for your information to inform all families when speech night will be.

1:1 Computer Program

The College Board adopted a 1:1 Computer Policy during 2012. Below is an overview of the proposed rollout of the 1:1 Computer Program and when each Year Group will be expected to commence participation.

From 2014 it is expected that the Year 7 and Year 10 implementation programs will have commenced with all Year 7 and 10 classes from this year onwards being issued with a new laptop per student which they will keep for 3 years until they are issued with a new laptop or leave the College.

During 2012-2014 a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program will be in place for Senior College students until it is phased out by the 1:1 Computer Program. BYOD involves users of a school or corporate network using their own computer on the organisation's network rather than one being provided to them.

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
	2013	2014	2015	2016
Year 7	1:1 Computer Program	1:1 Computer Program	1:1 Computer Program	1:1 Computer Program
Year 8		1:1 Computer Program	1:1 Computer Program	1:1 Computer Program
Year 9		Loaned refurbished laptop	1:1 Computer Program	1:1 Computer Program
Year 10		1:1 Computer Program	1:1 Computer Program	1:1 Computer Program
Year 11	BYOD Program	BYOD Program	1:1 Computer Program	1:1 Computer Program
Year 12	BYOD Program	BYOD Program	BYOD Program	1:1 Computer Program

*Rollout and timing of Stages may be subject to change.

From the Director of Mission

Mrs Jacqueline de Jonge

Hello/Goodbye Weekend

Over the weekend parishioners, staff and students farewelled and gave thanks for the 56 years of service to the community of the Marist Fathers.

It was in 1956 that the care of the parish was entrusted to the Society of Mary, 1959 when Marist College officially opened, and in 1972 when Stella Maris Regional Girls' College amalgamated with Marist College to form Marist Regional College. Inspired by Mother Mary, the Society of Mary values humility, hospitality and service, values that are so obviously still a part of the College.

The celebrations began on Friday evening with a cocktail party in Cloud 9, continued with a dinner on Saturday night at Burnie Arts and Function Centre, and concluded with a mass and BBQ on Sunday. Over 500 people took part in the celebrations. Many familiar faces were in attendance, including Fr Ray Chapman, Fr Gary Reynolds, Fr Paul Pidcock, Fr Bernie McFadyen, Fr Kevin Redmond, Sr Marie Keogh, and Sr Kathlyn O'Brien.

Farewelling Fr Tony and Fr Fred, the last Marist Fathers to be in service in Burnie, was indeed hard as they have become so much a part of College life – helping to celebrate fun times and being present to support during difficult times. Staff and students are indeed grateful to all Marist Fathers previously involved with the College, but especially Frs Tony and Fred for the last four years.

Community News

BURNIE PARK LIBERTY SWING

Burnie City Council has recently installed the City's first publicly accessible Liberty Swing within Burnie Park.

The swing can be accessed via the carpark off Park Street and offers person confined to a wheelchair the opportunity to experience the thrill of using a park swing.

The swing is locked and to arrange to use the swing please contact Council's Property Services Officer, Mr Patrick Troughton on (03) 6430 5764 or ptroughton@burnie.net to collect the key.

Please note that an application form must be completed to obtain a key at no charge or alternatively a key is kept at the City Offices, 80 Wilson Street, Burnie as well as the Makers Workshop located at 2 Bass Highway, Burnie.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

On Thursday, 5 December Nina Hamasaki, Harriet Priest, Jake Wolfe and Isaac Alford will travel to Melbourne to attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. The festival has over 3000 young people, from all over Australia, registered to attend a variety of workshops and activities. A huge array of well-known guest speakers will be present to inspire, and musicians like Fr Rob Galea will ensure we are entertained.

Stay tuned for the write up on our return!



*Burnie Carols
by
Candlelight*

December 22nd

Official Carols
Program 8:15pm

Pre- Carols
Concert 7pm

BBQ & Drinks
for sale

The poster features a green background with white cursive text for the title. Below the title is a photograph of a Christmas tree decorated with colorful ornaments and stars. The event details are listed in a clean, sans-serif font.

Australian Mathematics Competition Results for 2013

In August more than 100 Marist Students sat the 36th annual Australian Mathematics Competition, which is a 75 minute competition conducted under exam conditions consisting of 30 questions, with the difficulty getting harder as students work through the paper.

The results for the school included 16 Proficiency Awards, 42 Credit Awards, 13 Distinction Award and 3 High Distinction

Lachlan Mason, Jack Tunstall and Mathew Schmidt (all Year 10), received the schools' High Distinctions, which places them in the 99th percentile for their Year Level in Tasmania.

Below is a list of other certificate winners from each year.

YEAR 7 – DISTINCTION	Aaron Woo, James Lakin, Braden Johnson, Hannah Stubbs, William Hogge
YEAR 7 – Credit	Georgia Fletcher, Tre Armstrong, Jean-Paul Hii, Catriona Bull, Matthew Holona, Cody Rogers, Tiffany Howard, Gabriel Handojo
YEAR 8 – Credit	Connor Smith, Callum Somerville, Stephanie Faulks, Jenna Farrow, Oliver Kershaw, Eva Segger, Edward Murchie, Nataarlie Brooks
Year 9 – DISTINCTION	Varun Kotay, Ebony Morice-Smith, Keegan Weller
Year 9 – Credit	Travis Beaton, Georgia Hogge, Isabelle Jaffray, Emma Dunham, Andrew Toussaint-Hill, Sebastyan Sullivan, Georgia Whiteley, Maddison Baxter, Callam Stewart, Monique Licht, Paige Norris, Alyssa Dolting, Oluwadamilola Olomola, Ellen Richardson
Year 10 – HIGH DISTINCTION	Lachlan Mason, Jack Tunstall, Mathew Schmidt
Year 10 – DISTINCTION	Gordon Liang, Connor Doherty, John Wood, Jonty Fahey, Jacob Hanson
Year 10 – Credit	Nicholas Wood, Montgomery Roberts, Sean Beamish, Montana Broomhall, Jonathan Popiel, Samson O'Donahue, Gabriel Dennison
SC – Credit	Jacqueline Chamley, Hayden Medwin, Kirra Ryan, Mrunmayee Bhalerao, Emily Mackrill



Lachlan Mason



Jack Tunstall



Mathew Schmidt

Food News by Alison O'Donnell

Year 8 Food Technology Students Demonstrate their Creative Flair!

Students working in Year 8 Food Technology were given a Design Brief that required them to make two mini mud cakes and to design decorations using fondant icing for one and butter icing for the other. Progress to date has been outstanding! It has been amazing to see the attention to detail and the ability of the students create their own ideas for designs. Please enjoy the photos of some of the excellent work.



2013 Graduation Photos

Now available.

Contact Dale Cumming
MOBILE 0429 353 109

Studio: 79 Wilson Street,
Burnie (near Dry Cleaners,
near Post Office)

Will be on Dale's website
(www.dalecummingphotos.net)
from Monday 11 November to
view and order online

West Coast Bus

The West Coast bus will run
as per normal until the 12
December 2013.

Todd Rogers Netball Carnival

The North West Schools Todd Rogers Netball Carnival was held on Sunday 24 November. Marist Regional College had two teams competing on the day. We had MRC Green competing in the Year 7/8 Division and MRC 1 competing in the Year 9/10 division, there was also two primary school divisions competing.

Schools came from all around the North West Coast to compete in this wonderful day of netball, the schools that competed consisted of: Ulverstone High School, Parklands High School, Burnie High School, Mountain Heights High School, St Brendan-Shaw College, Wynyard High School and Rosbery High School. Both of the Marist teams had an early start to the day playing the first game. MRC Green lost to Parklands High School and MRC 1 had a forfeited game against Yolla District High School. MRC Green then went through the day playing some hard netball and also having a lot of fun along the way. The team picked up a few wins and missed out on playing in the grand final by 1 game. The MRC Green team won the Sportsmanship award for the 7/8 division. This was evident by their high spirits and willingness to show their competitive instinct in a sportsman like manner on and off court.

MRC 1 were always going to be up against some strong competition. They played their hearts out for the whole day only losing a game to Wynyard High school by a goal with Chelsea Lloyd going down injured in the first quarter. After this game the full team were back and ready to take on anyone, going through the rest of the day undefeated and making the grand final against their old foe Wynyard High School. The grand final was played in good spirits with the lead changing hands constantly throughout the game. Wynyard High School won 9-14 with MRC 1 achieving runners up in the 9/10 division.

All girls are to be commended on their efforts for the day playing 7-8 games of two ten minute halves each in hot conditions. It was great to see all players display positive attitudes, always backing up their team mates and giving 110% on court. Thank you to Deborah Winton the coach of MRC Green the 7/8 team, Tanya Lloyd and Jane Whiteley the coaches and umpires of MRC 1 the 9/10 team. Also a thank you to all players who participated to make it a great day for all. Thank you to Estelle Margetts for organising/coordinating the Marist teams, coaching both of the teams in the lead up, umpiring on the day and providing support to all players and coaches.



MRC Green – Sportsmanship Award

From Back: Nataarlie Brooks, Milly Clark, Cassie Burton-Spicer, Gabrielle Gee, Sienna Freeman.

From Front: Lilly Sage, Leah Johnstone, Chloe Dennison, Zoe Wise, Allyce Winton.